missioned and the balance is expected to be commissioned by 1989-90. Various other measures to improve the availability of power in Orissa, include optimum utilisation of the existing capacity, reduction in transmission and distribution losses and early implementation of centrally sponsored Renovation and modernisation scheme at Talcher Thermal Power Station. To the extent possible, assistance is also provided to Orissa from the Farakka and Chukha Power Stations as well as from the neighbouring systems.

Seminar on Financial performance of State Electricity Boards

2947. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Seminar on Financial Performance of the State Electricity Boards was held in New Delhi during the third week of February, 1989 as reported in "The Hindustan Times" dated the 22nd February, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the names of the personnel who participated in the Seminar;

(c) what are the recommendations made at the seminar; and

(d) what action Government propose to take or have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Seminar on financial performance of the State Electricity Boards, organised jointly by the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and the Tata Energy Research Institute on 20-21 February, 1989 in New Delhi, was attended by representatives of the State Electricity Boards/ State Governments, Deparments of Power and Economic Affairs, Planning Commission, Central Electricity Authority, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Central Sector Power Corporation and other institutions and experts associated with the power sector.

(c) and (d) The broad conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar related to the role of SEBs in the power sector, resource mobilization, technical performance including reduction of energy losses, load and grid management, strengthening of financial management, payment of subsidies, arrangements for resolving consumer disputes, technology choices etc. These have been circulated to the State Electricity Boards.

Coal handling plants of Western Coal Fields Limited

2948. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Coalfields Limited has commissioned some coal handling plants; and

(b) if so, the cost and capacity of those plants?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Fourteen coal handling plants and eighteen mini coal handling plants with a total capacity of 16.94 million tonnes per annum were commissioned in Western Coalfields Limited upto 1987-88. During 1988-89, three more coal handling plants have been commissioned in Western Coalfields Limited as per details given below:—

S.No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (in million tonnes)	Cost (Rupees in lakhs)
1	Shobhapur Underground . .	1.00	168 47
2	New Majri Phase-II	1.00	238 00 (Including Phase-I)
3	Durgapur Opencast	2.00	427.00